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SUBJECTC MBFR: OPTION III: APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF COMMON CEILING
SPC MEETING OCTOBER 23

REFS: A. STATE 246824 DTG 170026Z OCT 75

B. USNATO 5444 DTG 071330Z OCT 75

C. USNATO 5618 DTG 161034 Z OCT 75

1. AT OCTOBER 23 SPC MEETING, US REP (MOORE) INTRODUCED THE US
DOMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF POSITION PAPER RE APPROPRIATE
DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING (PARA 2, REF A). FRG REP (HOYNCK)
SAID HIS AUTHORTIES WOULD WELCOME THE US PROPOSAL. ON A PERSONAL
BASIS HE SAID THE US PROPOSAL WAS CLEARLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE
LATEST THINKING IN BONN ON THIS ISSUE. FRG HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS
NECESSARY TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS DEMANDING N THE EXACT DESCRITPION
(NUMERICAL) OF THE COMMON CEILING IN PHASE I.HOWEVER, FRG WOULD
WISH SOMETHING N THE COLLECTIVE NATURE OF REDUCTION COMMITMENTS
IN THE POSITION PAPER. HE MADE THE FRG POINT THAT THE OLD US
LANGUAGE (THE "EITHER" VERSION OF PARA 3 OF THE PSITION
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PAPER)(REF B) DID NOT REFLECT THE US AGREEMENT IN THE DRAFT
GUIDANCE TO STILL HAVE A CEILING ON GROUND FORCES. US REP
SAID HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN REPEATING THE POINT IN
SOME WAY IN THE POSITON PAPER.

2.BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) ALSO WELCOMED THE US PROPOSAL.
WE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE WITH HIM AND
NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN), AND THEY BOTH THOUGHT THAT IT HAD
A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THEIR AUTHORITIES.

3. RE THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (REF C), ITALIAN REP
(CIARRAPICO) PROPOSED CHANGING "AGREEMENT" TO "UNDERSTANDING"
IN THE FINAL BRACKETED SENTENCE OF THE FIRST "OR"
VERSION (FRG BERSION) OF PARA 1. FRG REP NOTED THAT FRG
DID NOT ACCEPT THAT BRACKETED SENTENCE, AND THOUGHT THAT
IT WAS NOT USEFUL TO DISCUSS IT UNTIL SPC HAD AGREED ON
PARA 3 OF THE POSITION PAPER.
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